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Dear Pam:

Representatives of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining (DOGM), Office of Surface Mining (OSM), Canyon Fuel Co., and the Forest Service (USFS) met at the South Fork Eccles Canyon Portal reclamation site on June 7, 2005 to inspect the reclamation work that had been done to date. All agreed that the portal sites had been adequately reclaimed, however, the USFS did not agree that the soil storage access road had been properly re-contoured to a natural appearance – it still appeared to be a road cut.

The USFS thought that more material could be pulled-up from the fill slopes, the roadway and steep cut slopes could be re-contoured and pocked, resulting in a more natural looking site that would re-vegetate easily. This reclamation work was agreed to by all parties and was scheduled for later in the field season.

The reclamation work was completed on August 18 and 19, 2005. A trackhoe was used to pull the slopes back into the roadway; the slopes were then re-contoured to a more natural-appearing slope. There was adequate material on-site to complete this reclamation. The area was then randomly pocked, mulched, and seeded with a USFS approved seed mix. Silt fences were installed to control erosion until the vegetation is established. I am satisfied with the work that was done. We will continue to monitoring the area for soil and re-vegetation in the future and contact DOGM if we have any concerns.

Sincerely,

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District Ranger

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